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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 40 and 41. Please amend claim 42.

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42. (Currently Amended) A syringe apparatus comprising:

a barrel;

a plunger movable within said barrel;

a needle assembly attached to an end of said barrel and defining a passageway therethrough;

a deformable base positioned within said barrel adjacent said needle assembly and defining a passage therethrough, said deformable base forming a liquid tight seal between said base and said barrel;

an energy storage means within said passageway;

a hollow needle passing through said passageway;

an enlarged head on said needle engaged within said passage of said deformable base; and

a rupturable web on an end of said plunger for moving a fluid within said barrel through the hollow of said needle when said plunger is moved through said barrel toward said needle assembly;

whereby when said plunger moves through said barrel toward said needle assembly, a fluid can be moved from said barrel through the hollow of said needle, and continued movement of said plunger moves said deformable base downwardly until such time as sufficient force is imparted to said rupturable web by said enlarged head of said needle to tear said rupturable web, said deformable base then releasing said needle with said enlarged head due to force applied thereto by said energy storage means to project said needle with said enlarged head into the interior of said plunger.

43. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said enlarged needle head is cylindrical.

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44. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said deformable base is cylindrical.

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